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YOSHIHIRO ISHIDA	)	
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Application No.: 10/617,042	)	
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Filed: July 11, 2003	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	October 6, 2003
AND METHOD AND PROGRAM	:	
STORAGE MEDIUM	)	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies the listed foreign patents documents are also enclosed.

A concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found at pages 2-4, 11, 17 and 20 of the specification.

### CONCLUSION

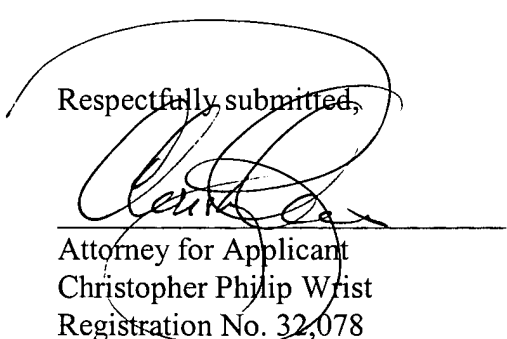
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

### FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the present application or prior to the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		<b>2001/0032075 A1</b>	<b>10/18/2001</b>	<b>Yamamoto</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>256</b>	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		<b>8-63595</b>	<b>03/08/1996</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
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## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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